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REF: SAN SALVADOR 1929 AND TEGUCIGALPA 1879

SUBJECT: SALVADORAN/HONDURAN BORDER INCIDENT

1. MINISTER OF INTERIOR DR. FRANCISCO ARIAS COMMENTED TO EMBOFF

AS FOLLOWS: BORDER INCIDENT IN NORTH PART OF LA UNION DEPARTMENT TOOK PLACE IN AREA WHERE FRONTIER ILL-DEFINED. HAVE BEEN OTHER INCIDENTS IN THAT AREA IN PAST. DR. ARIAS STATED REPORTS OF DEATHS EXAGGERATED, FOR TO HIS KNOWLEDGE THERE ONLY SOME WOUNDED INVOLVED. INTERIOR MINISTER STATED MIXED SALVADORAN/HONDURAN COMMISSION ALREADY INVESTIGATING INCIDENT. HE RATHER VAGUE ON TIMING OF BORDER INCIDENT OR INCIDENTS, BUT TOOK POSITION SITUATION WELL UNDER CONTROL.

2. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISER INFORMED THAT 250 SALVADORAN NATIONAL GUARDSMEN NOW IN POLOROS AREA AND THAT HONDURAN TROOPS HAVE VIOLATED BORDER IN 3 PLACES.

3. EMBASSY SEEKING OBTAIN SOME MORE ACCURATE ACCOUNTS OF WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED AND WILL REPORT FURTHER. IN MEANTIME, CAN ONLY COMMENT THAT INITIAL REPORTS OF BORDER INCIDENT PROBABLY OVER-DRAMATIZED AND GOES SO FAR PLAYING IT DOWN. CURTIS BT

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